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**JURISDICTION** is specifically conferred upon this United States District Court by the aforementioned statutes, as well as 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1343. Jurisdiction may also be appropriate under 42 U.S.C. §§ 1981, 1983 and 1985(3), as amended by the Civil Rights Act of 1991, Pub.L.No. 102-166, and any related claims under New York law.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

In addition to the federal claims indicated above, you may wish to include New York State

claims, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).

	New York State Human Rights Law, N.Y. Exec. Law §§ 290 to 297 (age, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, sex, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, marital status).
PAR	TIES
1.	My address is: 1032 97h Street Miagara Falls, New York 14304
	My telephone number is:
2.	The name of the employer(s), labor organization, employment agency, apprenticeship committee, state or local government agency who I believe discriminated against me is/are as follows:
	Name: Niagara Falls Police Club (union)
	Number of employees: Wiknows at this time
	Address: 1925 Main Street Magara talls, New York 14305
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3.	(If different than the above), the name and/or the address of the defendant with whom I sought employment, was employed by, received my paycheck from or whom I believed also controlled the terms and conditions under which I were paid or worked. (For example, you worked for a subsidiary of a larger company and that larger company set personnel policies and issued you your paycheck).
	Name:
	Address:
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ł.	I was first employed by the defendant on (date):

5.	As nearly as possible, the date when the first alleged discriminatory act occurred is:
6.	As nearly as possible, the date(s) when subsequent acts of discrimination occurred (if any did): Continued for over a period of two years and is continuing.
7,,	I believe that the defendant(s) All menhoned
	a Are still committing these acts against me. b Are not still committing these acts against me. (Complete this next item only if you checked "b" above) The last discriminatory act against me occurred on (date)
8.	(Complete this section <b>only</b> if you filed a complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights)
	The date when I filed a complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights is
	I filed that complaint in (identify the city and state): Buffalo, New York
	The Complaint Number was: 10210874
9.	The New York State Human Rights Commission did/did not issue a decision. (NOTE: If it did issue a decision, you must attach one copy of the decision to each copy of the complaint; failure to do so will delay the initiation of your case.)
10.	The date (if necessary, estimate the date as accurately as possible) I filed charges with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) regarding defendant's alleged discriminatory conduct is: A Request for EEOC Review was asked to 13 202
11.	The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission did/did notissue a decision. (NOTE: If it did issue a decision, you must attach one copy of the decision to each copy of the complaint; failure to do so will delay the initiation of your case.)
12.	The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission issued the attached Notice of Right to Sue letter which I received on:

	<b>did</b> issue a Right to Sue letter, you <u>r</u> the complaint; failure to do so will d	nust attach one copy of the decision to each copy of lelay the initiation of your case.)			
13.	I am complaining in this action of th	e following types of actions by the defendants:			
	a Failure to provide me process	Failure to provide me with reasonable accommodations to the application process			
	b Failure to employ me	b Failure to employ me			
	c Termination of my employment - relates to  d Failure to promote me				
	e Failure to provide me with reasonable accommodations so I can perform the essential functions of my job				
	f Harassment on the basis of my sex				
	g. Harassment on the basis of unequal terms and conditions of my employment				
	h Retaliation because I complained about discrimination or harassment directed toward me				
	i Retaliation because I co	Retaliation because I complained about discrimination or harassment directed toward others			
	my benefits life	escribe) non representation due to which and retaliation. Took away gally. Allowed and assisted with being changed.			
14.	mai appiy).	with respect to which of the following (check all			
	a Race	f Sexual Harassment			
	b Color	g Age			
	c Sex	Date of birth			
	d Religion	h Disability Are you incorrectly perceived as being			
	e National Origin	disabled by your employer?  yes  no			
15.	I believe that I was/was not	intentionally discriminated against by the			

16.	I believe that the defendant(s) is/are is not/are not still committing these acts against me. (If you answer is that the acts are not still being committed, state when: and why the defendant(s) stopped committing these acts against
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18.	The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (check one):  has not issued a Right to sue letter  has issued a Right to sue letter, which I received on January 19 2022
19.	State here as briefly as possible the <i>facts</i> of your case. Describe how each defendant is involved, including <i>dates</i> and <i>places</i> . Do not give any legal arguments or cite any cases or statutes. If you intend to allege a number of related claims, number and set forth each claim in a separate paragraph. (Use as much space as you need. Attach extra sheets if necessary.)
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21.	I first disclosed my disability to my employer (or my employer first became aware of my

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19. during April 9 - May 4 2020 willfully and knowingly used my accrued days to pay me without my authorization while knowing I was collecting unemployment. Michael lee and I both had full knowledge that I was not allowed to work but was still employed. Steven kerfoot (union Président after Michael les stepped dawn) continued and tollowed the same discriminatory actions as Michael lee did after becoming affirmative action in a letter written by the union attorney to my attorney that was retained by the union to represent me, but neverdid. Unwarranted suspensions started after a racial incident that happened at work of which I was the victim. The union has never assisted me properly and has breached it's duty of tair representation arbitrarily and in bad faith due to prejudice and retaliation. Defendants mentioned and others who took discriminatory/retaliatory action against me were white. Let it be Known that there are approx. Five black unon members (if that) out of approx. 65 union members that would really have no Say-Many tacks are within the attached original complaint, Inother important fact is that NYSDHR did purposely arbitrarily disregard evidence submitted by me during the investigation and it was never made part of the case, I was treated unequal and unfair,

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22.	The date on which I first asked my employer for reasonable accommodation of my disability is
23.	The reasonable accommodations for my disability (if any) that my employer provided to me are:
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24.	The reasonable accommodation provided to me by my employer were/were not effective.
includ	<b>REFORE</b> , I respectfully request this Court to grant me such relief as may be appropriate, ing injunctive orders, damages, costs and attorney's fees.
Dated:	Spril 62022 Saya Drif Brule
	Plaintiff's Signature

ACKNOWNLEDGEMENT

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF MIAGARA

On the 65 day of APRIL in the year 20 22 before me personally came SANTA DRINKS - BRUDEA

to me known and known to me to be the person(s) described in and who executed the above instrument and  $\underline{S}$  he (they jointly and executely) actives/edged to see that  $\underline{S}$ he (they) executed the same

KATHLEEN M. DRAKE NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF NEW YORK QUALIFIED IN NIAGARA COUNTY LIC. #01DR4997544 COMM. EXP. JUNE 08, 20.32



ANDREW M. CUOMO Governor

JOHNATHAN J. SMITH Interim Commissioner

February 10, 2021

Sanja Drinks-Bruder 1032 97th Street Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Re:

Sanja Drinks-Bruder v. Niagara Falls Police Club, Inc., Michael Lee, James

Tuttle, Esa.

Case No. 10210874

Dear Sanja Drinks-Bruder:

Please be advised that this office has received your complaint. Your filing date is 1/11/2021.

A copy of your complaint, and the determination, will be sent to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), so that your complaint may be dual-filed under applicable federal law. Your EEOC charge number is 16GC101031.

To protect your rights, it is essential that the Division be notified promptly of any change in your address or telephone number. A form is enclosed for this purpose.

Use of email by the Division: The Division uses email, whenever possible, to communicate with the parties to complaints. This avoids delays and lost mail, and increases the efficiency of Division case processing, particularly as the Division intends to continue to process cases in a timely fashion during the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, you are required to provide your email address if you have not already done so, and to keep us advised of any change of email address. You can provide your email address by emailing us at BuffaloOfficeFax@dhr.ny.gov and referencing your case number.

You will be contacted by the Human Rights Specialist assigned to your case when the active investigation of your complaint begins. In the meantime, if you have any questions please call our office at (716) 847-7632, or contact us via e-mail to BuffaloOfficeFax@dhr.ny.gov.

Very truly yours,

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Debbie S. Kent Regional Director EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION
New York District Office
33 Whitehall Street, 5th Floor
New York, New York 10004-2112

Sanja Drinks-Bruder 1032 97th Street Niagara Falls, NY 14304

EEOC Charge Number: 16GC101031 NYSDHR Case Number: 10210874

#### NOTICE

This office has been informed that you filed a complaint of employment discrimination with the New York State Division of Human Rights (NYSDHR). The purpose of this notice is to inform you of your federal rights pursuant to one or more of the statutes under which you may have filed. Please be advised that your complaint will be investigated by the New York State Division of Human Rights, not the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). All questions, correspondence and status reports with regard to your case must be directed to the New York State Division of Human Rights office where your complaint was filed.

### YOUR FEDERAL RIGHTS (if you filed under):

- [X] Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended If you want to file a private lawsuit in federal district court with your own private attorney because you do not want the New York State Division of Human Rights to conduct an investigation, you may request from the EEOC a Notice of Right to Sue, 180 days after you have filed your complaint. Once the EEOC grants your request, it is only valid for ninety (90) days from the date the Notice was issued, after which your time to sue expires. If you want the New York State Division of Human Rights to conduct an investigation, you do not need to make this request, or to contact or write either agency. The New York State Division of Human Rights will contact you and/or advise you in the near future of their investigation and determination findings.
- [ ] The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) Same as Title VII, above.
- [] The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended (ADEA) If you want to file a private lawsuit with your own private attorney, you could do so any time after 60 days from the date you filed your complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights. This is only if you do not want the New York State Division of Human Rights to conduct an investigation, otherwise you do not need to do anything at this time. The New York State Division of Human Rights will contact you and/or advise you in the near future of their investigation and determination findings.

Date: February 10, 2021

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION
New York District Office
33 Whitehall Street, 5th Floor
New York, New York 10004-2112

#### EEOC REVIEW PROCEDURE

If you want the EEOC to review the New York State Division of Human Rights final determination, because you are not satisfied with their final findings, you may request that the EEOC conduct a substantial weight review. This request must be done in writing to the EEOC and within  $\underline{\text{fifteen (15) days}}$  from the date you received the New York State Division of Human Rights final determination. Otherwise, we will adopt the state findings.

You review request must specify the reason(s) why you do not agree with the New York State Division of Human Rights final determination.

Mail your request for substantial weight review to:

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Attn: State and Local Unit 33 Whitehall Street, 5th Floor New York, New York 10004-2112

This address is for review purposes only. Remember, if you have questions concerning the status of your case, you must contact the New York State Division of Human Rights.

Date: February 10, 2021

### NEW YORK STATE **DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS on the Complaint of

SANJA DRINKS-BRUDER,

Complainant,

NIAGARA FALLS POLICE CLUB, INC., MICHAEL LEE, JAMES TUTTLE, ESQ.,

Respondents.

**VERIFIED COMPLAINT** Pursuant to Executive Law, Article 15

Case No. 10210874

Federal Charge No. 16GC101031

I, Sanja Drinks-Bruder, residing at 1032 97th Street, Niagara Falls, NY, 14304, charge the above named respondents, whose address is 1925 Main St., Niagara Falls, NY, 14305 with an unlawful discriminatory practice relating to employment in violation of Article 15 of the Executive Law of the State of New York (Human Rights Law) because of race/color, sex, opposed discrimination/retaliation.

Date most recent or continuing discrimination took place is 1/8/2021.

The allegations are:

SEE ATTACHED

# New York State Division of Human Rights Employment Complaint Form

Although workers, interns and volunteers of all ages are protected, you must be 18 years or older to file a complaint. A parent, guardian or other person having legal authority to act in the minor's interests must file on behalf of a person under the age of 18

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1. Your contact information:				
First Name Sanja D			Middle In	itial/Name
Last Name Drinks - Brude	/			
Street Address/ PO Box 1032 977 Street		Ap	or Floor #:	, , , ,
City Miagara Falls		Sta	te ~~	Zip Code 14304
If you are filing on behalf of another, provide the person:	name of that	Date of bir	th:	Relationship:
2. Regulated Areas: Check the area where	the discrimination	occurred:		
(If you wish to file against multiple entities, for ex-	ample employer and	temp agend	cy, please file a	separate complaint
against each.)			y, p	ooparate complaint
☐ Employment (including paid internship)	)	by a	Labor Organ	ization
☐ Internship (unpaid)			rentice Trainii	
<ul> <li>Contract Work (independent contractor)</li> </ul>	r, or work for a			ployment Agency
contractor)			nsing .	, , <u>g</u>
☐ Volunteer Position				
3. You are filing a complaint against:				
Employer, Worksite, Agency or Union Name				
Niagara Falls Police C	lub			
Street Address/ PO Box				
1925 Hain Street				
City Magara Falls	S	tate L	Y	Zip Code 14365
Telephone Number:				
(716) 286-4711	Ext.			
In what county or borough did the violation tak	re place?			
Niagara				
Individual people who discriminated against yo		1	٠,	A
Name: Hichael Lee	Title:	Union	Preside	nt
Name: James Tuttle, Esq.	Title:	Union	Attorner	4
f you need more space, please list them on a	separate piece of	paper.		,
4. Date of alleged discrimination (must be w	vithin one year of fi	ling):		
The most recent act of discrimination happene	d on:	8	2021	
	month	n day	year	
. For employment and internships, how ma	any employees de	oes this co		?
☐ 1-14 ☐ 15-19 3P	20 or more		Don't know	-

6. Are you currently working for this company?	NO		
☐ Yes. Date of hire:	What is your position?		
month day year			
☐ No. Last day of work:	What was your position?		
month day year			
☐ I was never hired.	What position did you apply for?		
Date of application: month day year			
7. Basis of alleged discrimination:			
	sons for discrimination, and fill in specifics only for those		
reasons. Please look at page 2 of "Instructions" for an			
☐ <b>Age</b> : Date of Birth:	☐ Familial Status:		
☐ Arrest Record	☐ Military Status:		
Allest Record	☐ Active Duty ☐ Reserves ☐ Veteran		
□ Conviction Record	☐ Marital Status		
	☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Separated		
☐ Creed/ Religion:	☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed ☐ National Origin:		
Please specify:	Please specify:		
☐ Disability:	☐ Predisposing Genetic Characteristic:		
Please specify:			
☐ Domestic Violence Victim Status	☐ Pregnancy-Related Condition:		
	Please specify:		
☐ Gender Identity or Expression, Including the	☐ Sexual Orientation:		
Status of Being Transgender	Please specify:		
Race/Color or Ethnicity:	☑ Sex:		
Please specify: Black	Please specify: <u>fender</u> <u>Gender</u> Specify if the discrimination involved:		
☐ Trait historically associated with race such as hair	1		
texture or hairstyle	☐ Pregnancy ☐ Sexual Harassment		
☐ Use of Guide Dog, Hearing Dog, or Service Dog			
If you believe you were treated differently after you file			
participated as a witness to a discrimination complaint			
category above, check below:	and now tiling		
Retaliation: How did you oppose discrimination:	by speaking with union complaint		
f you believe you were discriminated against because of your relationship or association with a member or nembers of a protected category listed above, indicate the relevant category(ies) above, and check below.			
	the relevant eategory (163) above, and eneck below.		
☑ Relationship or association			

☐ Refused to hire me	Gave me a disciplinary notice or negative performance review	<ul> <li>Denied my request for an accommodation for my disability, or pregnancy-related condition</li> </ul>	☐ Sexual harassment
Fired me/laid me off	☑ Suspended me	<ul> <li>Denied me an accommodation for domestic violence</li> </ul>	Harassed or intimidated me on any basis indicated above
Demoted me	☐ Did not call back after lay-off	☐ Denied me an accommodation for my /religious practices	☐ Denied services or treated differently by a temp or employment agency
Denied me promotion/ pay raise	☐ Paid me a lower salary than other co-workers / doing the same job	Denied me leave time or other benefits	☐ Denied a license by a licensing agency
Denied me training		☐ Discriminatory advertisement or inquiry or job application	other: All cheeted ho representation was given by union took benefits away to pay me fraudulently

# 9. Description of alleged discrimination See page 1-7 attached and following this page

Tell us more about each act of discrimination that you experienced. Please include dates, names of people involved, and explain why you think it was discriminatory. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY. If you need more space to write, please continue writing on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to the

that were given to Miagara Falls Civil Commission and Human Resources by both Deputy Faso and Chief Licata that had no signature on it. Deputy Faso told me it was still a legal document. Union president who was at the entire meeting gave me a letter that union attorney emailed to him that had January 6 2000 date on it. I learned after the meeting and reading the letter given to me from union president on 1/10/2020 that union did give the city an okay to proceed with the section 72 proceeding against me. Let it be known Michael Les Stated to me on 1/10/2020 during the meeting taking place that he did not Know what a section 72 proceeding was. This is not true due to the letter given to Michael Lee dated 1/6/2020 that was from union attorney James Tuttle. This letter given to president Lee by attorney Tuttle previous to the 1/10/2020 meeting and given to me by Michael

Lee on 1/10/2020 stating the union was giving the okay to the city to take these unlawful actions against me which proves the union , and Michael Lee had previous knowledge and discussions about Section 72 proceedings which Michael Lee on 1/10/2020 claimed to know nothing about it. I also now knew that there is a conflict of interest with attorney Tuttle, Usion attorney Tuttle whenever there was a visue with me and my union about grievances and/or disceplinary actions being improperly taken against me he has also represented the union against me when they deny me Proper representation. How is this when I am a union member that he is representing? Union attorney Tuttle in a February 2020 letter he wrote to another attorney tegarding me did finally admit His which I also have a copy of that he has a conflict of interest which stops him tram representing me:

As of the date of this complaint the union and union attorney Tuttle tells me that they are representing me. How? No proactive actions by the union and/or James Tuttle has taken place on my behalf which is almost a year. Union and union attorney allowed the city not to follow procedures and as the union and union attorney are aware of this is causing metinancial hardship because I have not been able to return to work since 1/13/2020 although Deputy Faso had stated I could on 2/22/2020. The union allowed the city to torce me into this unlawful Section 72 proceeding without representation because they all knew of it going to take place and did not inform me prior so that I could be prepared as all knew I was not represented makes it an unlawful procedure (section 72 proceeding). The union and union attorney in February 2020 gave me an attorney that was for representing on section 12 proceeding which was over a month after representation was needed.

The attorney has also taken no actions regarding the section 12 proceeding to defend me in anyway. I was then surprised in July 2020 to learn by his own statements that the union and union attorney had told him he was limited in representing me which still has not been explained to me. I was told this in July because I needed his help when I filed an application for injunctive relief, After it being filed no one would represent me as I had been told I was represented for section 72 proceedings. Also the union and union attorney told this attorney that he could action issues which I would have used with your agency (Human Rights) Involving case no. 10265717. The union and union afterney still have not from 1/10/20 (or pievious) until now has represented me and this is because I am a black temale,

Major example was case 10205717 that was with your agency. I was never spoken with from your agency which also retweed to callect the evidence that was needed and that the City refused to give to me or the union refused to get for me. So the proper conference and collection was never completed as it should have been by Human Rights which gave no nglits to me for case no. 10205717. The union continues to ignore all my work related Issues always and agrees with the city all allows improper against me. Now I am being forced as told by the union attorney that I must wait on the city (Christopher Mazur, Esq) before any actions can take place even though my family has been placed in financial ham. The union in concert with one another to cause me hardship and to force

me into retirement which is a criminal act. All these improper actions were completed by union and city who are white males and white females including the union attorney who is white male, Let it be known that I only spoke with union president Michael Lee about union 1550es as no other union officer would speak with me relating to this up to this date 1/8/2021. No one has ever been put through the unlawful displinary actions as I have been and the Union allows it without representation in the 27 years I have been employed. Especially when I did nothing wrong that allows any disceplinary actions to be given against me. The only reason again is I am a black female that has and will write a Complaint/grievance when I must which is all the time because I and the union. All these unlawful actions have also been told and

given to PERB (plus more) that Started in 2019 and they have not been fully addressed yet which also allows improper actions to be Again due to no proper actions by NYS Human Rights with my previous Complaints (discrimination) The discrimination is allowed to continue against me that is now effecting my children. I am fit for duty and nothing the city or union has given to me Shows I am not fit for duty, need a mental and medical exam of does not need representation for these improper unlawful actions. Due to the time frame of the Start of this discrimination there is to much to list at this time and be discussed during the scheduled conterence and/or hearing that will be made by Human Rights to property investigate this complaint

### **Notarization of Complaint**

Based on the information contained in this form, I charge the herein named respondent(s) with an unlawful discriminatory practice, in violation of the New York State Human Rights Law.

By filing this complaint, I understand that I am also filing my employment complaint with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under the Americans With Disabilities Act (covers disability related to employment), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (covers race, color, religion, national origin, sex relating to employment), and/or the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, as amended (covers ages 40 years of age or older in employment). This complaint will protect my rights under federal law.

I hereby authorize the New York State Division of Human Rights to accept this complaint on behalf of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, subject to the statutory limitations contained in the aforementioned law.

I have not filed any other civil action, nor do I have an action pending before any administrative agency, under any state or local law, based upon this same unlawful discriminatory practice.(If you have another action pending and still wish to file, please contact our office to discuss.)

PLEASE INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I swear under penalty of perjury that I am the complainant herein; that I have read (or have had read to me) the foregoing complaint and know the contents of this complaint; and that the foregoing is true and correct, based on my current knowledge, information, and belief.

Sign your full legal name

JEFFREY W ANACLERIO
Notary Public - State of New York
NO. 01AN6406258
Qualified in Niagara County
My Commission Expires Mar 23, 2024

Subscribed and sworn before me

This of Holdy of January 20 2

Signatury of Notaly Public

County: 🛴 .

Commission expires:

Please note: Once this form is completed, notarized, and returned to the New York State Division of Human Rights, it becomes a legal document and an official complaint with the Division.

## NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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AMENDED VERIFIED COMPLAINT Pursuant to Executive Law, Article 15

Case No. 10210874

Federal Charge No. 16GC101031

I, Sanja Drinks-Bruder, residing at 1032 97th Street, Niagara Falls, NY, 14304, charge the above named respondents, whose address is 1925 Main St., Niagara Falls, NY, 14305 with an unlawful discriminatory practice relating to employment in violation of Article 15 of the Executive Law of the State of New York (Human Rights Law) because of race/color, sex, opposed discrimination/retaliation.

Date most recent or continuing discrimination took place is 1/8/2021

The allegations are amended as follows:

Two pages of additional allegations added, dated stamped received on March 4, 2021.

Sanja Drinke-Bruder 1032 97th Street Magara Falls DY 14304 March 2 2021

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Division of Human Rights 65 Court Street Suite 501 Buffalo, ny 14202 NYSDHR BUFFALO REGIONAL OFFICE

Debbie Kent Regional Director, CASE No: 10210874 Additional information of discrimination involving the Magara Falls Police Club and James Tuttle Esq. My representation (legal) for section 72 proceedings I have been told by the union attorney (Tutte) which the union is allowing to take away my legal representation for section 72 proceedings which they cannot I still need section 72 proceedings representation given because this case is still pending and I have told both the union, Mr. Tuttle and the attorney that was refained by the union who is Hr. Robert Boreanaz Esq. There has been from the retaining date in February 2020 till now no defense actions taken for all. Robert Boreanaz has not given me any legal documents ending his representation or why if it has. I still want his representation for Section 7d proceedings. Robert Boreanaz

Case 10210874 states he is waiting on the union to let him know what he can do. Mr. Boreanas was retained for my defense and not the union as Mr. Tuttle (union attorney) Stated to me and Mr. Boreanaz as well as the union in a letter he wrote dated February 12 2020. The 2/12/2020 dated letter allowed the representation because it also was gives and approved by the Lerion. After Mr. Boreanar was retained due to the Conflict of interest it now stops Mr. Boreanaz from involving Mr. Tuttle of his representation with me no matter what it would be as long as it pertained to section 72 proceedings. These actions of trying to take away my representation is because I am a black female who reports their actions of discrimination when it happens with me because I am black het it be known the representation appears there when not needed and not there (representation) when really needed which can be cooplained in detail as it has been with others. Daya Durks-Bruder

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NYSDUR BUFFALO Sanja Drinks-Bruder 1032 97th Street REGIONAL OFFICE Miagara Falls DY 14304 Changed + correct case # 1021687# on 4/13/21 Division of Human Right S. Druks-Bruder 65 Court Street Suite 506 Buffalo, PY 14202 Debbie Kent Regional Director, Case No 10210873 10210874 Amendment #2 Page I of 3 NIAGARA FALLS POLICE CLUB On 3/16/2021 the union attorney (Tuttle) with the union showed me through an email that they asked for arbitration for me regarding union matters (representation, pay and unwarranted suspensions). This arbitration set by the union attorney is something that was started by him and I again was never asked before actions were taken. I will not take this arbitration because first it has union matters within it and not any matters (grievances) followed proper procedures. If procedures had followed as should be the evidence and proof needed would be available for ME to have for this arbitration. The union and union attorney never assisted me properly with any union matters mentioned and now says, well we will represent you on your greivance but whatever the arbitrator

states I (Sanja) must accept and cannot go to court if I would disagree with The arbitrator. I will not accept a demand for arbitration when procedures were not followed and no proper representation was given to me and not "I must accept whatever the outcome" and I cannot appeal it. As far as the Concerns about the section 75 and the arbitration relating to it. I must explain about the 75's and why they did occer and continue to occur! The section 75 are a direct result of the section 12 proceeding and the conflict of interest union attorney Tuttle has admitted to which allowed violations of my weingarten and civil rights. 48 well as misconduct by Mr. Tuttle and violations of professional ethics. I am forced by the union and Hr. Tutle to accept what he and the union calls representation. Due to financial hardship I will accept what they wrongly consider proper representation because I must which is Mr. Tuttle for the section 75 but not through a demand for arbitration as Mr. Tuttle and the union are Seeking to do. The is another arbitrary, bad fauth and discriminatory/retaliatory action that would have me with an attorney who has a conflict of interest (Mr. Tuttle), city afformey (Mr. Mazur) who has never spoken with me about anything from the start of the unlawful section 72 proceeding on 1/10/2020 and

a arbitrator who will likely side with the union and city afterney who both stated many times my grierances have no merit which is not true. The arbitrator will therefore side with the municipality and a professional afterney who are both white rather than a black female with no political or professional connections as they have whom will then not be able to appeal.

Petrtioner Signature date

State of Florida county of Orange
The above petitioner whose name is
Sonia Drinks-Brider personally
appeared before me and is known by me
OR has produced the following identification
Fl. DL on this 30" day of
Harch 2021.

Notary's Signature Commission Expires





# Division of Human Rights

NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS on the Complaint of

SANJA DRINKS-BRUDER,

Complainant,

v.

NIAGARA FALLS POLICE CLUB, INC., MICHAEL LEE, JAMES TUTTLE, ESQ.,

Respondents.

DETERMINATION AND ORDER AFTER INVESTIGATION

Case No. 10210874

Federal Charge No. 16GC101031

On 1/11/2021, Sanja Drinks-Bruder filed a verified complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights ("Division") charging the above-named respondent with an unlawful discriminatory practice relating to employment because of race/color, sex, opposed discrimination/retaliation in violation of N.Y. Exec. Law, art. 15 (Human Rights Law).

After investigation, and following opportunity for review of related information and evidence by the named parties, the Division has determined that there is NO PROBABLE CAUSE to believe that the respondents have engaged in or are engaging in the unlawful discriminatory practice complained of. This determination is based on the following:

A review of the record does not support complainant's allegation that she was denied proper or adequate representation because of her sex, race/color and/or out of retaliation. A review of the record shows complainant was assigned union and/or outside counsel throughout her Article 72 and Article 75 Proceedings. It appears complainant was not satisfied with the legal advice she received from union and outside counsel, which is not for NYSDHR to investigate, but for her to pursue through the New York State Public Employment Relations Board. There is no evidence to suggest respondent was connected to City of Niagara Falls, Police Department in commencing the Article 72 and Article 75 proceedings, but concluded the City was within its rights to pursue the matter. The evidence in the record does not support a reasonable belief that complainant was discriminated against, denied counsel, or given inadequate counsel because of her race/color, sex or out of retaliation for filing prior internal and external discrimination complaints.

The complaint is therefore ordered dismissed and the file is closed.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any party to this proceeding may appeal this Determination to the New York State Supreme Court in the County wherein the alleged unlawful discriminatory practice took place by filing directly with such court a Notice of Petition and Petition within sixty (60) days after service of this Determination. A copy of this Notice and Petition must also be served on all parties including General Counsel, State Division of Human Rights, One Fordham Plaza, 4th Floor, Bronx, New York 10458. DO NOT FILE THE ORIGINAL NOTICE AND PETITION WITH THE STATE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

Your charge was also filed under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Enforcement of the aforementioned law(s) is the responsibility of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). You have the right to request a review by EEOC of this action. To secure review, you must request it in writing, within 15 days of your receipt of this letter, by writing to EEOC, New York District Office, 33 Whitehall Street, 5th Floor, New York, New York 10004-2112. Otherwise, EEOC will generally adopt our action in your case.

STATE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Dated:

9-28-2021 Buffalo, New York

By:

Debbie S. Kent Regional Director

### NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS on the Complaint of

SANJA DRINKS-BRUDER, Complainant,

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NIAGARA FALLS POLICE CLUB, INC., MICHAEL LEE, JAMES TUTTLE, ESQ., Respondents.

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Case No. 10210874

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STATE OF NEW YORK )
COUNTY OF ERIE )
SS:

Josephine O'Neill, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he/she is over the age of 18 years; that he/she is employed by the New York State Division of Human Rights; that on September 30, 2021, he/she served the within DETERMINATION upon:

### Complainant

Sanja Drinks-Bruder 1032 97th Street Niagara Falls, NY 14304

### Respondent

Niagara Falls Police Club, Inc. Attn: Legal Department 1925 Main St. Niagara Falls, NY 14305

### Respondent

Michael Lee Niagara Falls Police Club, Inc. 1925 Main St. Niagara Falls, NY 14305

### Respondent

James Tuttle, Esq. Niagara Falls Police Club, Inc. 1925 Main St. Niagara Falls, NY 14305 by personally placing true copies of the same, securely enclosed in postpaid wrappers in the post office box/depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service at 65 Court Street, Buffalo, New York.

Dated: September 30, 2021 Buffalo, New York

Josephine O'Neill

Secretary 1

Sworn before me this

30th day of November, 2021

Ruth M. Gonzalez Cruz Notary Public, State of New York No. 01GO6301439 Qualified in Erie County My Commission Expires 8/2/2022

3. No witnesses were contacted by PYSOHE. 4. Endince given from day of complaint filed through completion of paperwork given for this case which was known to be railed on September 17 2021 to MYSDHR was not used. The September 17 2021 realing did include new evidence that DISDHE did ask for because it was lost or musplaced by them but needed again by them. 5. Debbie Vent (Regional Director For PYSDHE) signatures is very different than past signature's on pysoHE documents but claim to be the same party, Why? D6. Janes Tuttle (unon attorney and respondent) was mailed the determination as I was nailed by MYSDHR. But Hr. Tuttle's determination was nailed to the address of the Magica Talls Police Club which is at the Negari Falls Police Departments address. This determination was not sent to his office which is in Chifton Part, PY (4 hours plus distance from the Diagara Fallo Police Club) as it should have been why was that? 7. Debbie Kent is the same party who has in the past and continues to disrues my cases where there is proof and evidence showing discrementation without any hearings being allowed even when asked for on every case.

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## **DISMISSAL AND NOTICE OF RIGHTS**

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	Your allegations did not involve a disability	as defined by the America	ans With Disabilities Act.		
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Attn: James Tuttle, Esq. NIAGARA FALLS POLICE CLUB, INC. 1925 Main St. Niagara Falls, NY 14305

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The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the

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